

**Department of Human Services  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RULES**

**A public hearing will be held in the large Conference Room at the Department of Human Services, Hillsview Plaza, 3800 E. Highway 34, Pierre, South Dakota, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (CDT), to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:**

**§46:31:01:05, §§46:31:01:05.01 to 46:31:01:05, inclusive; §§46:31:02:01 to 46:31:02:04, inclusive, §46:31:02:06, and §46:30:05:06.**

For rules relating to the certification procedures, the effect of these rules will be to add a notification procedure to the division and to the interpreter on any complaints received and an investigation procedure on those complaints.

For rules relating to the interpreter registration and certification, the effect of these rules will be to: define the certification maintenance program and the certification maintenance cycle; to repeal the rule regarding initial registration of South Dakota certified interpreter; add language to the EIPA certified interpreter initial registration regarding the length of time prior to registration a rating was obtained; add language specifying the requirements that must be met to continue to be certified unless an extension is granted to the South Dakota or EIPA annual registration; add a rule allowing an extension on the certification maintenance cycle under certain circumstances.

For rules relating to the time and place of hearing, the effect of this rule will be to increase the time period of when the hearing will be held from date of receipt of the request.

These rules are being amended to update and clarify existing rules; to institute form and style changes; to provide for a complaint process; to comply with federal regulation changes.

Persons interested in presenting data, statements, opinions and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing on October 21, 2008, or by sending them to the Department of Human Services, Hillsview Plaza, E. Highway 34, c/o 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. C/o Velda Bartel, Administrative Rules Coordinator. **Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Human Services by October 31, 2008, to be considered.**

After the hearing, the Department of Human Services will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Department may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above-mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5990 or (605) 773-6412 TTY.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

Department of Human Services  
Hillsview Plaza, East Hwy. 34  
C/o 500 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Or downloaded from the SD Division of Rehabilitation Services website at: [www.dhs.sd.gov/drs/](http://www.dhs.sd.gov/drs/)